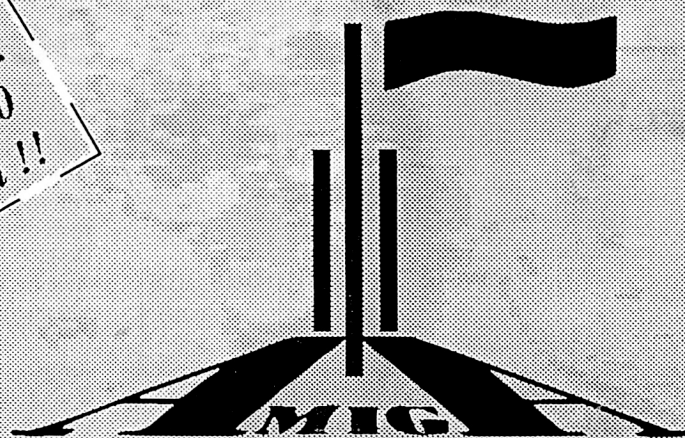


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# Canberra Amiga Users' Society Inc

## Aims of the Society

Canberra Amiga Users Society Incorporated (CAUS) is an independent group (currently with about 120 members) formed for the benefit of people who own, use or are interested in the Commodore Amiga computer.

## Benefits

Benefits include a bi-monthly newsletter, monthly meetings, discounts, a bulletin board, Public Domain library, special interest groups (SIGs) and the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other Amiga users.

## Subscriptions

Membership of the Society is available for an annual fee of \$20, due in February. This fee may be paid, with a filled-in application form, either at any of the monthly meetings or by mail to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 596, Canberra 2601.

## Bulletin board

The CAUS bulletin board is online 24 hours and is maintained by our Sysop Owen Geary and his team. To be a member of the bulletin board, you need to pay \$10.00 additional yearly subscription (and an extra \$5 for each family member who wishes their own account). The telephone number of the bulletin board is 255 2291.

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Woden Plaza.

Details of upcoming meetings and main topics will be advertised in the Canberra Times "Fridge Door" the week of the meeting.

## Newsletter Contributions

CAUS is produced bi-monthly. Contributions to the newsletter can be submitted to the Editor via the newsletter area of the bulletin board, at the monthly meetings, via any Committee Member or to The Editor, 11 Nerli Place Conder ACT 2906, or ring me on 294 1615.

Articles, reviews, comments and graphics are always welcome. The next newsletter is due out by the July 1995 meeting. The deadline for contributions to the newsletter is the end of the month preceding production. All contributions should be accompanied by the author's name and contact details. We reserve the right to refuse, disclaim and/or edit contributions.

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## Front Cover

I have redesigned the front cover in an effort to strengthen and promote the CAUS name and to increase the recognition of our newsletter. This plus the attempt to make it more professional, all add up to make the cover of this issue quite different from the past (for the better I think) hope you like it, any feedback or cover pics etc are always welcome !

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Hello everyone ! My name is Brian Hancock , and I'll be taking over the reins of this newsletter ( for the foreseeable future ). This is my first time at doing any sort of DTP , but I'm keen to continue the good work done by the previous editor(s) ..... !!

Does this sound familiar ? Well this is exactly the same way this column started off almost two years ago when a gentleman by the name of Darryl Hartwig was just starting off as the then newly elected Editor .

This newsletter has sure come a long way since then , mostly due to Darryl's efforts and perseverance . We're truly grateful for all the terrific work you've done over the years Darryl , and we all wish you the very best in your future travels .



O.K , now that that's over lets get into it . Firstly I'm not new to DTP as such , but this is the first time I have ever done something like this , so if there is any suggestions out there among you lot , lets here 'em . Actually during the time that I've been Editor ( a whole month ) I have looked back through many many old issues of this mag , and the one thing I must say is how impressed I am with the amount of time and effort that has been put into this mag over the years .....by you guys . The articles , the pics even the amount of people just willing to help - anytime , afterwork phone numbers , you name it . It's people like you , the readers , which reminds me of why I'm so proud to own an Amiga . (Infact three Amiga's).

So anyway about this mag . There has been continuous change (for the better) occurring over the years as this newsletter has evolved into what we have today. And changes will continue , as you may have already noticed . The newsletter now has the same name as the club , CAUS (as opposed to beCAUS). There is also a new section called "Hard Drives and Hot Plugs". Which will have exerts from reviewers comments and conclusions - you see I read a lot of reviews , as do a lot of you I suspect . Anyway I quite often get a giggle or a laugh out of a comment some reviewer or another has written , or sometimes I'm amused & impressed by the reviewers conclusions written about a particular

product . Either way they're informative and often funny . These sorts of things and much more is planned for this section and any suggestions will be considered , but try to keep them relevant to either the Hard-sell or the Hot-plug of a particular product .



And the winner is.....  
The liquidator is

Also in this issue there's the announcement of the new Amiga owner , an article on who they are and what they do, news about AmigaDos v4.0 , hints and tips, a list of what all those TLA's ? stand for and of course news about what's new which includes an amazing new Digital Imaging package for the Amiga which has potential plus. All that and more, plus a few funny bits too, so enjoy.

Well that's it for now , call me if you like , I'm on 2941615 or send me something for the mag to : 11 Nerli Place Conder ACT 2906.

Brian Hancock [ Mr Ed : ]

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Tutorial approach step by step  
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by Antti Roppola

And the winner is...

## Escom !

After nearly a year of debacles, rumours and general bad luck, Commodore and the Amiga technology have finally found a buyer in the German electronics manufacturer and retailer Escom. The much publicised bid by C= UK failed to materialise, and Escom was the only bidder at the auction when the bids by CEI, an American firm called The Computer Connection and Dell (!) were ruled invalid (as they had attached conditions to their bids). The objection by IBM (who appear to have some rights to the patents) went no further than the posted hearing the next day. This gave Escom the mortal remains of Commodore totally unopposed.

Who is Escom? Escom is a strange beast with strong interests in both computer retailing AND manufacture. The closest thing we have here in Australia would be Tandy, who make and retail computers. Escom will also be working with the high technology company, Siemens Nixdorf. Escom has about 1500 stores throughout Europe, and builds about 650,000 PCs a year in Germany (but Amigas will be built in China). They provide anything from a single computer for home use, to complete network

solutions for Government and business. They are also committed to customer support and advertising (Medhi Ali turn over in your hole now).

At the time of writing, Escom has been very quiet about what it intends to do with C= and the Amiga. Escom has stated that it will begin manufacturing Amigas as soon as possible, and that the first machines will be available in 2 to 3 months. They have also suggested a PowerPC based Amiga as the next generation machine (but are at pains to point out nothing has been decided yet). Escom has also employed a large number of ex C= staff and has been in contact with companies like Scala in the past months. The fact that they were willing to hang onto C= staff for months before they knew if they had C= suggests a high level of commitment, but only if they were R&D/Engineering staff.

Scuttlebutt on the 'net suggests that Escom is more interested in the rights

**C= brand IBM PC  
and MACINTOSH  
( I kid you not! )**

to the Commodore name and C= logo for the German IBM PC clone market (where C= clones were a big seller), the manufacture of C64's for the Chinese market (!!), and the flogging of the Amiga technologies to whoever will pay for them. Dan Stets, a journalist from the Philadelphia enquirer (C='s home town) who was at the auction said that Escom plans on manufacturing C= brand IBM PC and Macintosh (I kid you not!) clones. Escom representatives have also stated that the Amiga technology will also be licensed out ( ie. Amiga clones !!! ).

The general mood on the 'net about Escom's intentions for the Amiga was pessimistic, and people on a specially convened IRC conference after the auction expressed doubts that Escom had the means or motivation to take

the Amiga forward. Read the interview with Bernard van Tienen of Escom after this article for the opposing point of view on this. The interview was taken from the Auction Special issue of Amiga Report (the on-line Amiga 'zine), and appears to be authentic (including the very German "ja"s that abound).

There was much discussion about what happened to the C= UK management buy out. It is reported that C= UK pulled out of the bidding to help Escom when C= UK's backers pulled the plug and C= realised that they could not compete with the Dell/CEI bid. A press release from C=

UK said that it will become a wholly owned Escom subsidiary.

So there you have it. The winner is Escom. Don't put too much on some of the more exotic rumours

(like the re-birth of the C64!), and don't get too caught up in the pessimism about Escom's plans for the Amiga, a lot of it is probably just sour grapes about the C= UK bid failure. Let's wait and see if Escom runs with the ball.

This article was derived from material posted on the comp.sys.amiga UseNet newsgroups, and the auction edition of Amiga Report magazine. I will try to upload copies of the articles and reports onto the BBS as soon as it is running (as well as some other C= bankruptcy memorabilia). I will also try to have it all available on disk at the next user meeting.

Merciful Tentacles,

Antti.

Next Issue : News about the new AOS platform independent Amiga Operating System project (and more on Escom's plans for the future of the Amiga)

*You WILL be impressed.*

*Ed :*



# So ! Who are ESCOM ?

The following article is one of many obtained from the Internet in recent weeks by Antti Roppola .

Thankyou again Antti - the Unix guru [: >)

Anyway it was of great interest to me to read about The Company who is now " God " to the Amiga . So I cleaned it up , took out the really boring bits and turned it into something closer to what we call english . I hope you get something out of it . ed :

ESCOM in the Netherlands (Update)  
From: remco.weg@veronica.nl (Remco Weg)  
Date: 25 Apr 1995 14:28:42 GMT  
Organization: John de Mol Produkties B.V.  
Newsgroups: comp.sys.amiga.advocacy

## *The ESCOM Organisation*

ESCOM has grown enormously since it's introduction in 1993. In a short period ESCOM became an important party on the consumer and business market.

In the third quarter of 1994, ESCOM had a market share of 11.2 %, and held second position on the list of PC providers in the Netherlands. In the same period of that year in 1993, ESCOM had a market share of only 6.1 %, and was in 8th place.

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ESCOM B.V. (the Netherlands) is being coordinated from the ESCOM headquarters in Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands . In the Netherlands, ESCOM is the largest computer chain with it's own production facilities and distribution channels .

A very important part of ESCOM is the consumer division, which consists of 34 ESCOM Office stores spread over the Netherlands . ESCOM also has a strategic alliance with Skala ( 24 stores over the Netherlands ) and a consumer electrics chain Mikro-Electro (14 shops in Zeeland and West-Brabant), plus .. De Block (22 shops in Zuid- en Noord -Holland and Utrecht ), Scheer & Foppen ( 44 shops in the north and east part of the Netherlands ) and Horn ( 51 shops in the south of the Netherlands ). ESCOM computers can also be ordered by the following postal order companies : Neckermann, Wehkamp and Otto.

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plants (many Aussies), cartoons,  
people.

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(21-24 scenes, cartoons etc).

### FLIGHT

Flight Sims Theory, slideshow.

See David Bennett at the CAUS  
meeting to buy these disks, or ring  
TAD on (06) 285 4040 to order.

Please help a very worthwhile  
charity and get some great disks!

P.S I bought the Logic Games  
disk for my wife who loves these  
types of games, and she hasn't stop  
playing it, honest. Ed :

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## ESCOM Service and Helpdesk

ESCOM thinks that after-sales is an essential part of the products they sell, and has now a big after-sales department . ESCOM has made big investments in the Helpdesk facilities, and took it completely in there own hands. The number of telephone lines heavily increased, which made it easier to contact the helpdesk. At the ESCOM helpdesk there are about 40 computer specialist which can help you solve your problems. They can not only be reached on work days between 9:30 and 6:00, but also on Saturday from 9:00 until 5:00. If there is a technical problem that can only be solved at the work place , an appointment will be made to send somebody within a few days to fix the problem .

## ESCOM Advertisements Page

[ Advertisements ? did somebody say something about Advertising ? What's that ? *ed :* ]

ESCOM regularly advertise in national newspapers, like 'De Telegraaf' and 'Het Algemeen Dagblad'. We also regularly advertise in local (daily) papers. In those advertisements, which are published mostly on Thursday, you will find up-to-date product and price information .

### Inserts:

Besides advertisements in national and local papers, ESCOM also publishes it's own magazine, called: 'De ESCOM Magazine EXTRA'. When published it's inserted in national newspapers and various computer magazines .

## ESCOM Magazine EXTRA

This magazine features the latest news about computers and expansion devices, of course with sharp ESCOM-prices. This year the magazine will be published Nine times, in a 6,000,000 quantity.

( Note: 'De ESCOM Magazine EXTRA' is a full colour magazine with up-to-date information about computer configurations and prices )



The ESCOM Home Page Logo

## Veronica Computer Magazine

In January 1995, a monthly computer magazine on television is planned called 'Veronica Computer Magazine'. There will be about 6 to 8 shows . ESCOM is one of the sponsors of the program. The show will be aired by Veronica at TV2 ( the second Dutch television channel ). The program is designed to make

computer users aware of the possibilities computers have.

This TV program will be hosted by Astronaut Wubbo Ockels, Disk-jockey Adam Curry, Chief-editor of Computer! Total Paul Molenaar and the Model Daphne Deckers ( known from the ESCOM Magazine EXTRA ). By answering some questions, you can win 750 guilders worth of ESCOM stuff. [ that's a lot of guilders eh ! *ed :* ] Veronica also produces a CD-ROM with various information and discussions about computers.

## ESCOM is every where ! Efficiency Beurs 95 :

Every year from Monday the 25th until Saturday the 30th of September, the Efficiency Beurs will be held in the Amsterdam-RAI complex. ESCOM will of course be there, aiming mainly at the business market .

In 1993 the Efficiency Beurs became a bi-annual ( once in two years ) event . In those past two years a lot has changed concerning the technology of computers. What looked like a miracle in 1993, is now normal . Technically there can be much more done , and the PC's [ those produced by Escom. themselves . *ed :* ] are being used in various configurations. The Efficiency Beurs 95 will therefore differ from it's predecessor. The automation of offices is now something that HAS to be done. Everyone has something to do with it, wants to talk about it, and wants to make decisions about it . [ read Amiga to be marketed as a serious business computer ? *ed :* ] Because of that, the target group of the Efficiency Beurs has seen a tremendous growth in the last years. At the same time, our work area doesn't stop outside the company's buildings. Whether at home or in a car we can be productive. Therefore the number of business users is as great as the number of home-users, and visa versa .

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# Beginner's Hints & Tips

## Which program ? When ?

Let's say you want to draw a diagram, add some text and perhaps bring in a picture to use as a background. In a case such as this most people would advise you to use a drawing program (such as Dpaint or Pdraw for example) that will offer the simple drawing tools you need to knock up a diagram and add some text, and of course these kind of programs allow you to easily import an image for your backdrop.

BUT ! What about a wordprocessor instead ? Yes it's true that a drawing program is for drawing and a wordprocessor is for typing letters and stuff but really what you must decide first of all is just how much text is going to be written along with your diagram. Yes it's also true that drawing programs allow you to type text (usually one line at a time) straight from within the program itself but if you have more than a few lines to type and you want to be able to format the words around the images then you would probably get more joy

**The point I'm making is quite simple**

out of riding a bike without a seat !

These days most wordprocessors offer some very powerful and flexible drawing tools of their own, which as in the above example are almost always more than adequate to do the job required and you can type and format around your images to your hearts content. Not to mention that most wordprocessors these days have some very powerful and flexible import filters for bringing in images from clipart, drawing programs, graphics packages & screen grabbers. One such program is Final

Writer from Softwood, as I own this program I can vouch for it's performance, and believe me if you don't have a wordprocessor yet or atleast a good one then this is the one to buy. That is of course unless you buy Wordsworth's latest incarnation which I'm told is just as powerful and has a few tricks of it's own as well.

The point I'm making is quite simple, if you can use a good wordprocessor instead of a drawing package in order to achieve a means to an end then you may well find the job at hand a whole lot easier and quicker than it otherwise would.

Ed :

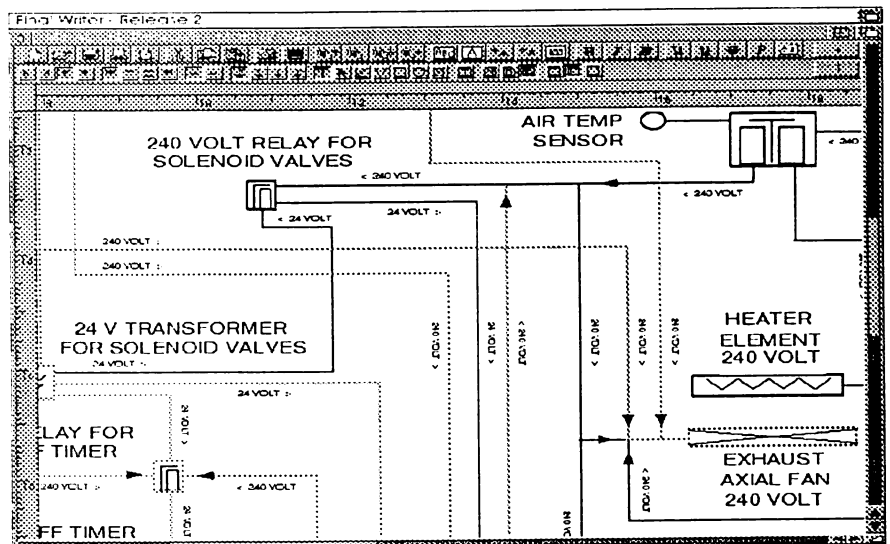
## Leave Out Icons!

As you may already be aware WB2.1 and above on the Amiga has the ability to take file or program Icons from where-ever they are buried deep inside their directories and leave them out on your Workbench screen. In case your not aware of this, it is simply done by selecting (single clicking) your chosen Icon and then selecting "Icons / Leave Out" from your pull down menus. This will permanently leave the chosen Icon on your WB screen even after a reboot thus allowing quick and easy access every time you need it. This is not the same as "clicking and dragging" your Icons from their respective directories and placing them on your workbench screen as this is only temporary and will not remain there after a reboot. But even this is a really convenient feature in itself. Something that isn't possible though is the ability to determine where the "Left Out" Icon was left out from, if you get what I mean. So the Hint here is to do what I do. After you leave out an Icon, select "Icons / Information" from your pull down menus and in it's info window which pops up, type the original location into the comments box, then save and your done.

Ed:

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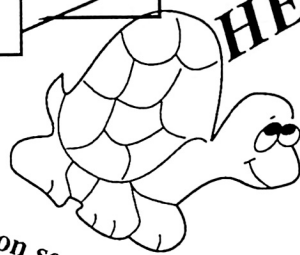
CHUCKLE  
HA HA CHUCKLE

the

GIGGLE  
GIGGLE  
HEE HEE

FUNNY

File



Q: How many  
MicroSoft  
engineers does  
it take to screw  
in a light bulb?

A: None, they  
just define  
darkness as  
an industry  
standard !

President Clinton, as part of  
his goal to increase technical  
awareness and interest in the  
sciences, asked the various  
major computer companies to  
co-operate in a large  
Multimedia publishing project "Dad, you've been had, None of these are magnetic !!"

The general theme was  
"Elephants".  
The piece from Apple was  
titled: "User Friendly  
Elephants and Their Friend,  
the Mouse".

IBM's: "How to Sell an  
Elephant to Someone Who  
Wants a Racehorse".  
Novell's: "Connecting  
Elephants".  
Borland's: "All Elephants  
Should Cost \$99".  
NeXT's: "Painting an Elephant  
Black".

Q: What do you say to  
a programmer in a  
suit and tie ?  
A: Will the defendant  
please rise.

A salesperson hoping to demonstrate  
to a skeptical corporation how easy it  
is to use windows.

"Just point and click" he says. "  
Just point to the application you want  
and click on the mouse button."  
So the executive takes the mouse, lifts  
it, points it like a TV remote at the  
screen and clicks the button." Just as I  
thought, he says, doesn't work!"

Q: Did you hear about the Microsoft crystal ball?

A: Ask it something and it replies:

"Answer unclear. Add another 20 Meg of RAM  
and ask again later."

" Xxactly "

My typxwritxr works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx kxy.  
Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our group is likx my typxwritxr,  
not all thx kxys arx working propxrlly . You may say "Wxll , I am  
only onx pxrson , it won't makx much diffxrxncx". But you sxx ,  
for thx group to bx xffxctivx it nxxds thx activx participation of  
xvxry pxrson .

So thx nxxt timx you think that your xffort is not nxxdxd ,  
rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf , "I am a kxy pxrson  
and nxxdxd vxry much .

Xd :

N0 MORE MISTAKES :

They're know miss steaks in this newsletter cause we used special  
soft wear witch checks you're spelling. It is mower or lass a weigh  
to verify. How ever is can knot correct arrows in punctuation ore  
usage: an it will not fined words witch are miss used butt spelled  
rite. Four example; a paragraph could have mini flaws but wood  
bee past by the spell checker. And it wont catch the sentence  
fragment which you. Their fore, the massage is that proofreading  
is knot eliminated, it is still berry much reek wired !!

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# New Release

by *Brian Hancock*

## **Photogenics**

This is the one ? This is by far the Image processing (I.P.) program to buy, maybe not right this minute but " I'll bet anybody that this will become not only the best graphics package on the Amiga but the best graphics package ever... full stop" I mean you just got to see this to believe it, without doubt it's one of the easiest, fastest and most flexible I.P programs on the market today.

Let me put this into some sort of perspective for you.

On the Amiga we are blessed with quite an array of Image processing and paint like programs such as ADpro, Imagemaster, Image FX, Dpaint, PPaint, Brilliance and others, actually lots of others but you get the idea. Anyway one of the best programs on the market and almost an industry standard is the "Macintosh version" of Photoshop, but although this program is now available on the IBM platform it is still not available to us *the Amiga community*. Shucks, you might say and perhaps your right, even though many of these types of programs for the Amiga are just as powerful as Photoshop and even though many of them are just as well thought out in terms of programming, there still remains the fact that Photoshop is more complete. By complete I mean it's got literally every function a *commercial* user could possibly want for high quality accurate, bug free output.

**Photogenics to the rescue.** No Photogenics is no Photoshop.....yet !. It is however the most flexible, easiest and fastest Digital Imaging Processor I have ever had the pleasure of using.....bar none. And it has the potential to knock the socks off programs like Photoshop within the very near future. You see there's yet to be released an even better version of

Photogenics, "Photogenics PROfessional" which promises to be just what the doctor ordered.

Now you may be thinking, hang on, Photoshop costs around \$2000.00 (yes that's right, let me say that another way, **two thousand dollars**) so how much is Photogenics Pro going to set me back, well sit down and I'll tell you.... about \$250 bucks (yes you heard right again, almost one tenth the price of Photoshop) and it will be easier to learn and use, faster in operation and to ~~top it all off~~, like most of the Amiga's quality programs it will fully multitask.

Well having said all that I guess your wondering what does the current version of Photogenics have to offer. Let me start by telling you the price of this little gem, \$110.00 . I don't know about you but I would happily pay that for a program that as is, competes very favourably against all the top end Amiga Imaging programs already available, and then goes that step further by offering more flexibility than all of them put together.

Just to give you an idea of why this program is so flexible, think about this. You load up a picture and decide to paint on some colour, maybe to correct a blemish or something. **AFTER** you have done your painting you can **THEN** choose the colour, density, transparency, pressure, blending or effect you would like to have applied to that area. If you choose something that doesn't give you the desired result you were after simply select something else. Basically any brush stroke can become any colour or effect you want or you can click on the "entire picture" button to effect the whole thing. Nothing could be easier. If you like mucking around with pictures then you will find this program nothing short of a pure joy to use. For an excellent and full review of Photogenics I strongly suggest reading an article written by Gary Fenton in *AUI* magazine (Mar 95 issue) or another brilliant review by Paul Austin in *AC mag'* (Feb 95 issue). The Average rating from all the reviews I've read is **95 %**. "I love it"

# HARD-DRIVES & HOT PLUGS

## Gary Fenton software review in AUI Mar 95

*"Photogenics puts the Amiga back onto pole position as a very powerful low cost graphics platform."*

## Mark Blackman test driving Easy Ledgers 2 , AUI Mar 95

*"I have always kept down my scoring of product reviews to ensure there is room at the top*

*for the really good stuff. Easy Ledgers is almost faultless. It is probably the top accounting software available, and proves the Amiga is a darn serious computer. Easy Ledgers is so well constructed that I started up my own business so I could use it. There is no better recommendation than that."*

## Conclusion by Mark Cocquio on the Squirrel SCSI Interface

in ACAR May 95

*"Daniel Rutter has clinched the odd review by saying he's so impressed that he'll buy the item in question. Well, it looks as if I'll be doing the same."*

## Comment made by Ezra Surf in AC Feb 95

*"At the risk of becoming even more boring than my contract requires...."*

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## HCC 95

From the first gathering of the 'HCC Dagen' in 1977, which was visited by 60 HCC members, the 'HCC Dagen' has become a very big event in the Netherlands. In 1993 more than 82,000 visitors from the Netherlands and foreign countries, came to the 'HCC Dagen'. This year the 'HCC Dagen' will take place on Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th of November 1995. Again, the 'HCC Dagen' will be organized in Utrecht. At the 'HCC Dagen', ESCOM together with some hundred other dealers, manufacturers and educational companies in the computer territory, will be present at the most visited computer show in the Benelux. Last year ESCOM had the biggest and most visited stand of the whole show. After the show marketing director Gerard Lindhout spoke of a tremendous success. I looked at relevant information of the ESCOM WWW pages @ [www.veronica.nl/escom](http://www.veronica.nl/escom), and tried to translate them to english.

Maybe I can state some things which would make it easier to understand the text your reading :

a) The Efficiency Beurs is comparable to the CeBit in Germany. Only on a smaller scale. The Efficiency Beurs main target is the professional computer market. You will find they stand against most of the computer companies, including the big ones ( like IBM, Apple, HP, Tulip etc.)

b) The HCC Dagen, is a kind of computer show which everyone can attend. The entrance prices are low, and there is much to see. But it's also just a fraction of the Efficiency Beurs. The HCC Dagen is more a consumer show. Attending are mainly distributors, and shops which sell computers. Firms like IBM, Apple, HP don't usually show up at these shows.

c) The Netherlands is a small country between England and Germany. There are about 15 million people living there.

d) Wubbo Okels is ( in the Netherlands ) a famous

Astronaut because he is the only Dutchman EVER to leave the planet. He is just the ONLY Astronaut in the Netherlands .

e) People in America and Europe should know Adam Curry. He has worked for Veronica ( a dutch television station ) and for MTV. He now has his own Web site and is heavily involved in computers and the Internet. He's currently living in the USA.

f) I don't think it would be a good idea to discuss the way the television is arranged in the Netherlands. Let me just say that there are about 15 television stations, which air on three national channels.

g) If you wanna know more about the Netherlands, get an Atlas and look it up. The most famous companies in the Netherlands are Philips ( known for the CD-i, CD-player, cassette tape etc) and Fokker ( a national aeroplane builder ), and for places like Rotterdam ( the world's biggest seaport ), The waterworks in Zeeland (NOT New Zealand) and so on. Did you know that we have the most people per square ?

Even more than Japan .

h) Skala is a company where you can rent consumer electronics .

Anyway, hope someone can do something with this information...

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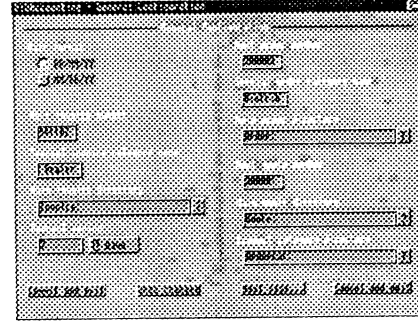
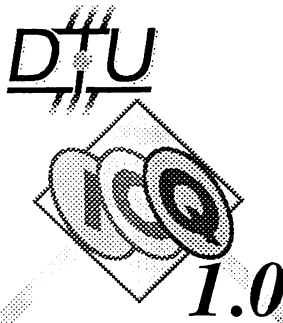
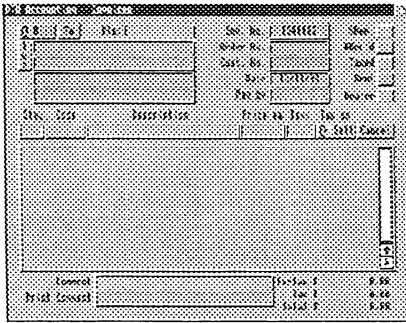
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### **Stock Control**

-  4 pricing categories: Buy/Sell, Norm/Special
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### **Quotes**

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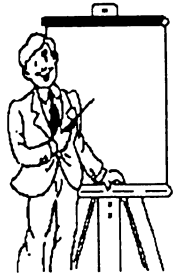
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## TLA's ( those darn ) Three Letter Abbreviations

ADSP	=	Amiga Developer Support Program
AFAIK	=	As far As I know
CBM	=	Commodore Business Machines
CEL	=	Commodore Electronics Limited
CIL	=	Commodore International Limited
DPI	=	Dots Per Inch
DRAM	=	Dynamic Random Access Memory
FAQ	=	Frequently Asked Questions
FRAM	=	Ferric-oxide Random Access Memory
HP	=	Hewlett Packard
IMHO	=	In My Humble Opinion
JPEG	=	Joint Photographic Experts Group
LPI	=	Lines Per Inch
MMU	=	Memory Management Unit
MPE	=	Multi Program Environment
MPEG	=	Motion Pictures Expert Group
OTOH	=	On The Other Hand
PGA	=	Pin Grid Array
PLCC	=	Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier
PPC	=	Power P.C ( ie : IBM Pentium )
PPI	=	Pixels Per Inch
PSU	=	Power Supply Unit
RAM	=	Random Access Memory
RISC	=	Reduced Instruction Set Commands
ROM	=	Read Only Memory
RTFM	=	Read The F#@*% Manual
SCSI	=	Small Computer System Interface
WYSIWYG	=	What You See Is What You Get
68EC020	=	Cheap 68020 in a PLCC ( Physically different in shape )
68EC030	=	Cheap 68030 minus the in-built MMU ( Physically the same in most cases but can only do 24 bit addressing ).

## What's Happening?



### Upcoming Meetings

**June 8 :** **Workbench Night.** This is a night for everyone. You will get to see and learn about everything the Amiga Operating System has to offer. There will be the Graphical User Interface, the Command Line Interface, Directory Opus file management, DirWork and a couple of other very impressive utilities that all add up to the simplest, easiest and friendliest computer control you could ever possibly want and yet still offer more power and performance than any of it's competitors.

See ya' there.

**July 13 :** **AMIGA Based Home Security.** This is something not to be taken light heartedly. David Body is the mastermind behind this very interesting and quite ambitious project and I'm sure you will all be fascinated at his very clever use of the Amiga computer in this application.

**August 10 :** **BBS NIGHT.** CAUS will have it's own BBS up and running well before this date but as many of you don't yet have any idea of what this is all about , we will be bringing it to you on a silver plater. That's right, not only will we be talking about it but we will actually have it all there on the night so you can see for yourself what it's all about, ask all the questions you can think of and even have a fiddle if you like. This will be quite an eye opener. You Don't want to miss this one.

And there's heaps more to come....you just wait !!

## Help! Service

The following is a list of members who have volunteered to share their knowledge and experience with other members. If you have a problem or just need a bit of advice in any of the areas listed, please ring during the hours shown.

<b>What's happening</b>	Paul Martin	10-10 M-Su	253-2121
<b>General Help</b>	Andrew White	6-8pm M-F	281-1872
	Gordon Owtrim	7-10pm M-Su	297-2692
	Mathew Taylor	6-8pm M-Su	285-0194
<b>Laser printing</b>	Frank Keighley	6-7pm M-F	239-6658
<b>DTP</b>	Frank Keighley	6-7pm M-F	239-6658
	Brian Hancock	6-8pm M-Su	294-1615
<b>Desktop Video</b>	Andre Hogue	6-8pm M-F	290-2474
<b>Beginners</b>	Colin Vance	6-8pm M-Su	241-7113
	Mathew Taylor	6-8pm M-Su	285-0194
<b>ProWrite</b>	Darryl Hartwig	6-8pm M-Th	293-2347
<b>Amos</b>	Bernie Wiemers	6-8pm	248-9837
<b>SBase / WPerfect</b>	Andrew Boundy	8-10pm M-Th	291-6971
<b>Hardware</b>	Mathew Taylor	6-8pm M-Su	285-0194

Please contact the editor with updates to this list.

## Stop Press

### AMIGA Dos V4.

... is coming, "it's finished", so we're told. And that's fact, not rumour, so we're told. We will tell you more, when WE know more !! that's it !!

### The OAKY BBS

.... is having an identity crisis. Owen Geary our SysOp (actually our ex-SysOp now) is moving to Rye park, which unfortunately for us here in Canberra means STD phone rates all the time. Sso..... the BBS will now reside here in Canberra with one of our own committee members.

Anyway all should be well within a few weeks or so, and we'll let you know when it's running, the minute we have it running. *Promise. Ed :*